

# MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

## OTSEGO COUNTY

This listing for Otsego County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

### COUNTY-WIDE

#### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Otsego County**

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#### **Program Description:**

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#### **ExperienceSeniorPower.com**

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#### **Program Description:**

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

## **COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED**

### **Michigan Youth Leadership Forum**

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#### **Program Description:**

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

### **Volunteer Centers of Michigan**

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#### **Program Description:**

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

## **JOHANNESBURG**

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## **MENTOR MICHIGAN VISTA**

The Mentor Michigan VISTA program supports Mentor Michigan's goal of recruiting 10,000 new mentors for Michigan youth. Through this program, 25 individuals will be serving full-time throughout Michigan to support the development of youth mentoring programs by:

- Identifying and securing resources to support the development and sustainability of mentoring programs.
- Recruiting mentors and connecting them with effective programs serving youth.
- Developing partnerships with business, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, education institutions, and government.
- Increasing public awareness about mentoring and the positive outcomes associated with it.
- Providing training and support for mentoring programs.

The Mentor Michigan VISTA program is managed by the Connect Michigan Alliance.

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